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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 33-86 and 94-111 are pending. Claims 33-46 have been made dependent from elected claims. Claim 111 is new and depends from elected claims. It is at least supported by original claim 46.

Restriction

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 33-46, drawn to a cutter for producing substrate fibers, classified in class 407, subclass 7; and
- II. Claims 47-86 and 94-110, drawn to a bone fiber cutting device, classified in class 606, subclass 79.

Applicant elects group II, which includes claims 47-86 and 94-110, and with the Examiner's approval given in a telephone call on February 15, 2007, claims 33-46 have been rewritten in dependent form to depend from elected claims. New claim 111 also depends from elected claims.

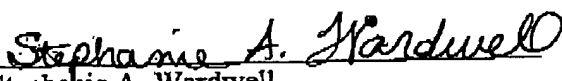
Conclusion

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1881 (95176562-024001).

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